GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
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Power to all Households
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has achieved the target of providing power to every household in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) if not, the time by which the target is likely to be achieved;

(d) whether the Government proposes to provide power at the minimum rate to farmers for consumption in farming and agro-industries;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether the Government has engaged private companies in power supply to cities as well as villages; and

(g) if so, the names of the companies included and the criteria adopted for this purpose?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR POWER,
COAL, NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY AND MINES

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(a) to (c) : Government of India has taken up a joint initiative with States/UTs for preparation of State specific documents for providing '24x7 Power for All by 2021-2022 in a phased manner. Providing '24 hours' electricity to all households is the responsibility of concerned State Government/Power Utility. All the State Governments and Union Territories have signed the "24X7 Power For All" document with the Union Government.

(d) & (e) : Tariff of the electricity supply is fixed by concerned State Electricity Regulatory Commission or Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission.

(f) & (g): Electricity is a concurrent subject and providing electricity to its consumers is the responsibility of concerned State Governments/DISCOMs. As per Electricity Act 2003, license is given to distribution companies by the State Government concerned. A list of such private distribution companies in various states of the country is given at Annexure.
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